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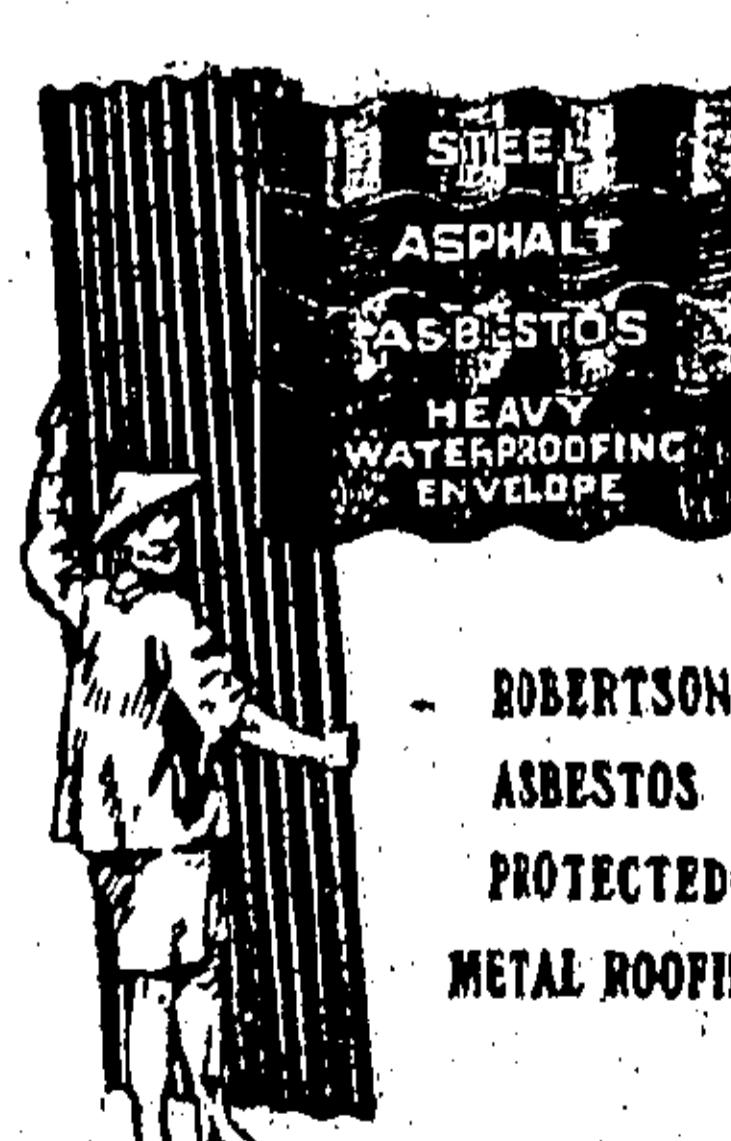
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ACTRESSES' WOE.
LOCAL FEMALE TROUPE
CAPTURED.
PIRATES WANT RANSOM.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakku, Kowloon, Jan. 20.
About forty Cantonese actresses, belonging to the Ngai Sheung Wan Ying troupe of Hongkong, were captured by pirates at Ma Ning. The troupe was on its way to Shantung. Those in captivity are being held for ransom.

The authorities are organising an expedition to hunt down pirates. Eight steam launches, which previously fell into pirate hands, have been recovered by the forces.

The Tanton-Hingtan tow-boat was pirated yesterday near Yungki (in the Shantak district).

Bomb At Wharf.

A bomb was thrown on the Kowloon-Shantung towboat today while an anti-piracy search was being carried out. The boat was alongside the wharf. Word had been received that pirates had boarded as passengers. When the authorities started the round-up, somebody threw the explosive. More than ten persons were badly injured and the junk was damaged.

Bandit Loses Job.

A battle between pirates and soldiers was fought with many casualties to both sides.

Tsui Tung-hoi, a notorious adventurer of these parts, had previously surrendered to General Tang Poon-yan (the anti-Canton commander). When the debacle came he went over to the Canton Government and was given command of his semi-irregulars. For disobeying orders at Yungkiang, his following was ordered to be disarmed. The former outlaws withdrew to the hills and the engagement followed.

WOMEN PICKETS.

NEW STRIKE CORDONS NEAR
MACAO.

Female searchers are now employed by the strike pickets, says a vernacular report.

The news comes from Chinshan, the point in Chinese territory adjacent to Macao.

Fresh reliefs of pickets were sent down together with the women, who perform duties similar to the searchers on duty at the Hongkong wharves.

TYRE PROFITEERS.

OUTCRY AGAINST BRITAIN
ONLY CAMOUFLAGE.

HOOVER CHALLENGED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 26.

An allegation that American tyre manufacturers are profiteers and that their outcry against Great Britain is only camouflage to deceive American consumers is the latest development in the rubber controversy.

Mr. Ashton C. Shallenberger, Democratic member of the House of Representatives for Nebraska, is demanding an investigation of the causes of the high prices for rubber tyres in the United States. He challenges Mr. Herbert Hoover's estimate that \$700,000,000 worth of rubber was imported into the United States during the first eleven months of 1925, and says that the figure, according to the monthly commerce summary, was \$365,000,000, whilst all the big tyre companies show a greater net profit for 1925 than for any previous year.

WORLD COURT.

AMERICAN RESERVATIONS
APPROVED.

VOTES IN THE SENATE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 26.

After a fortnight's debate the Senate has embarked on a vote on the resolutions dealing with adhesion to the World Court.

It has firstly approved of the reservations of the United States in joining the Court; does not accept any legal connection with the League of Nations; and, further, that the United States shall have a voice in the selection of judges and pay a fair share of the expenses of the Court.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 2/4/-.

TOY PISTOLS.

INTERESTING POINT OF
LAW.

HOME AUTHORITY'S OPINION.

Whether a weapon which does not discharge a missile can rightly come under the Arms Ordinance was a point which was brought out by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese wholesale dealer was charged before him with the sale of a quantity of toy pistols. The sale of such pistols was prohibited, except under special licence, by a recent Government regulation.

A decision on this point was left for further consideration by Mr. Lindsell after he had read a question and answer of more than ordinary interest appearing in the "Justice of the Peace," a London law paper. The quotation was as under:

QUESTION.

There are on sale certain revolvers which may be called "toy" revolvers; they have the appearance of an ordinary revolver, but the barrel is a dummy, and no missile of any sort can be discharged from it. The cartridge is a small metal case containing a small quantity of some sort of explosive and when fired flame and gas are emitted from three very small holes where the barrel joins the chamber. These revolvers are being used in the street and at football matches, and people are being frightened by them. They do not appear to be a "firearm," nor does the cartridge appear to be a "firework." Can you suggest any statute under which the users of these revolvers can be prosecuted?

ANSWER.

We agree that such a toy is not a firearm within the definition of the Firearms Act, 1920, section 20, but we consider that the cartridge is a firework within the meaning of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, section 25. A dictionary definition of a firework is "preparation in various shapes of gunpowder, sulphur and other inflammable materials, used for explosion at times of public rejoicing, etc." In our opinion any explosive materials put up in such a form that they can be ignited for amusement or pleasure come within the meaning of firework, see "Stroud's Judicial Dictionary," 2nd edition, page 722.

If the "pistols" are used to frighten people we should further hold that the users might be bound over to be of good behaviour.

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GOLD SECURITY FOR
BRITISH FIRMS.

ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

A million sterling's worth of gold bullion has arrived from Leningrad, and will be deposited as security for the considerable orders given to British firms in connection with textile machinery and plant for Russia.

DEPOSIT FOR PURCHASES.

A MONTH'S JOURNEY TO LONDON.

(British Wireless Service.)

Russia, Jan. 26.

About \$1,000,000 in gold from Leningrad arrived in London today in the German steamer "Schwalbe." It is over a month since the gold left Leningrad in the Russian ship "Horns." The vessel had such a rough time in the Baltic that the gold had to be transhipped at Hamburg to the "Schwalbe."

It is understood that the money is to be used as a deposit for purchases by the Russian Government in this country.

N.E. winds, fresh to moderate

cloudy, is the weather forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

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SHIP THIEVES.

GANG BROKEN UP BY
POLICE.

YESTERDAY'S ARREST.

The depredations of a gang of eight Chinese who have been a menace to craft in the harbour have now been brought to an end according to the opinion held by the police authorities after the arrest made yesterday of a man who is believed to be the last of the gang.

Recently a smoke helmet and a hawser were stolen from the Fire Float and parts of this helmet were found in the possession of the arrested man.

The gang had been active for some time, two having had to be recently banished after serving a term of imprisonment. What is believed to be the seventh man is now in hospital after he had thrown himself down 40 feet from the window of a house at Shaukiwan in an endeavour to escape during a raid.

The activities of the gang were directed in the stripping of a ship down to the anchors. It is believed that the crew connived with the robbers in some of the cases which made it difficult for the police to secure their arrest.

EMPRESS LINER LIFEBOAT
DISAPPEARS.

SINCE RETURNED.

One of the five lifeboats of the s.s. "Empress of Russia," which together with the latter ship, have been undergoing the annual survey, disappeared from dock on Monday night and the police were informed of the loss.

The boat was returned to-day but details as to the reason for the disappearance are not at present available.

EMPIRE SETTLERS.

APPEAL BY THE PRINCE OF
WALES.

SCOPE FOR DEFINITE CAREERS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The Prince of Wales made a call on the Prince of Wales to discuss the importance of our personal flesh and blood a link that will stand any strain put to it, is a stream that must swell and must grow; that must be good for all—on the one hand, for the good of this over-populated old country, and on the other hand for the good of the Dominions with their virgin regions with possibilities immeasurable."

The Prince appealed to them to welcome people to take up settlement on the land overseas as a definite career, and he said that he would like to see great public scope for settlement and development. He paid a tribute to the work done by Churches, the Salvation Army, and other bodies in assisting the poorer of his fellow-countrymen and women to settle overseas.

Women's Part.

Women, he said, had a big part of play in Empire Settlement. The help of wives was vital to husbands in many cases. It was his hope that always the right men and women would be encouraged to help to populate the many places of the Commonwealth. The question of emigration could not fail to appeal to anyone who had travelled in overseas Dominions. In all his own travels he had never seen finer or happier children throughout the Empire.

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MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

\$6,000 FINE ON OPIUM
CHARGE.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

Evidence at considerable length was given in a charge of possession of 53 taels of prepared opium against a Chinese on behalf of whom Mr. C. A. S. Russ admitted possession of the boxes in which the drug was found, but denied knowledge of the contents. Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$6,000, or ten months' imprisonment.

Recently a smoke helmet and a hawser were stolen from the Fire Float and parts of this helmet were found in the possession of the arrested man.

A nine year-old European boy was the witness in a case of assaulting an Indian constable. A Chinese mother and son were charged. Witness said that he was in the side car of a motor cycle while his parents had gone to Taikoo Docks. A Chinese attempted to look into the mirror of the cycle, and in a quarrel which ensued between them and the Indian the latter was assaulted by a gang of coolies and had his turban torn off by the woman. Each of the defendants was fined \$5.

A Wei-hai-wei constable was sent to prison for six weeks when he pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving a bribe of 15 cents from a hawker. Defendant was caught as the result of a trap set by Sergeant Nolloth.

"Perhaps you are the oldest man in Hongkong," said Mr. Lindsell to a Chinese who was emphatic as regards his age (82 years) when he was charged with hawking partridges without a licence. The man was discharged with a warning.

The six men recently arrested in connection with a Po Piu lottery house were again before the Second Magistrate. The principal offender was fined \$250, four others had to pay \$50 each, and the last man was discharged.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, a Filipino was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for stowing away on a boat from Manila. A similar charge against an American named B. S. Williamson was adjourned.

GERMANY EXPOSED.

DISCLOSURES BY CONTROL
COMMITTEE.

DONE NOTHING FOR REFORM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Jan. 26.

French official circles attach much importance to the revelation in the report of the Inter-Allied Control Committee

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A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong, 7th January 1926.

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C. A. TITMA,
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Hongkong, 11th September, 1925.

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Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1925.

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A. H. BARLOW, Esq.

Hongkong, 7th January 1926.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

UP-COUNTRY NOTES.

River Shipping Regular
And Busy.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakka Kongmoon, Jan. 20.
Establishments of dealers in paper, oil, sugar, "dried sea products" and earthenware are all closed; as the different employees are striking for higher pay.

Shipping between this port and the southern peninsula (conquered by Canton) from the pro-Chan Kwing-ming faction) is now regular. The volume of trade is bigger than that of normal times.

Premium on Hongkong banknotes has dropped to 24 per cent. (in exchange for Canton subsidiary silver coins).

Rice is now sold at \$13 per picul and wood fuel at \$2 per picul. Fruits, vegetables and fresh water "pond" fish are much cheaper than usual on account of the export embargo.

BOYCOTTED.

Japanese Silk in India.

A boycott against Japanese silk textiles has been started by Bombay merchants, according to a report received by the Japan Export Silk Textiles Association from the chairman of the Japanese and Chinese Silk Textile Importers' Association in Bombay on December 30.

The reason for this boycott lies in the fact that there is a large amount of cheaper silk textiles imported into Bombay and other Indian ports by way of Burma and other adjacent countries and that Japanese silk textiles imported direct into Bombay, subject to 30 per cent. customs duty, are not in demand there. The Indian importers frequently approached the British Indian Government to have them control the smuggled goods, but their pleas were unheeded. The resolution against Japanese silk textiles is believed to have been made to counteract the British Government's attitude.

However, the suspension of the export of silk to India is a telling blow to silk merchants in Japan and counter measures will be adopted shortly. Indian silk textile merchants in Yokohama have asked Japanese merchants for the cancellation of orders of silk textiles contracted previously, because shipments from Yokohama after January 5, are not to be accepted in Bombay.

The Japan Export Silk Textile Association has decided, it is reported, to present a petition to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Commercial Attaché in the British Embassy in Japan asking for their support in the matter of lifting this embargo on Japanese goods.

BIG TOTAL.

Hello Export Trade.

A total of P1,695,181.40 represents the value of domestic products exported from the port of Iloilo during the week ending December 19, last. Of this amount P1,512,937.40 were shipped to the United States and Japan and the remainder, P1,182,244 were sent to other parts of the Philippines, according to a report of the agent of the Bureau of Commerce and Industry at that southern port.

The following is a detailed statement of the products exported from Iloilo during the week under review:

To the United States: 8,396,428 kilos of centrifugal sugar valued at P1,285,137.20 of which 6,354,248 kilos worth P963,147.20 were loaded at Pulupandan; and 716,280 kilos of copra P167,037.65 and to Japan: 872,910 kilos of muscovado sugar, P80,762.85.

To Occidental Negros: 336,890 kilos of rice valued at P60,550;

425,360 kilos of fertilizer, P64,000;

97,900 kilos of centrifugal sugar P14,885; 23 head of livestock P4,500;

12,820 kilos of mongo, P2,692;

32,736 kilos of corn, P2,291;

2,880 kilos of leaf tobacco P1,350; 79 Vargas plows, P1,185;

12,070 board feet of lumber P1,182;

17,650 kilos of lime P1,036;

and other products P2,217; to Manila: 40,900 kilos of alcohol P11,195; 10,081 meters of sinnany, P7,057; 46,690 kilos of centrifugal sugar P7,004; 7,808 kilos of hemp, P1,153; 50 Vargas plows P750; 954 meters of rattan P492; 2,285 kilos of banana fruit, P267; and other products P835; to Panay Island 5,950 kilos of mongo, P1,249; 9,862 board feet of lumber, P1,918;

2,735 kilos of rice, P502; 600 kilos of salt P186; 5,210 kilos of centrifugal sugar P144; and other products P259; to Cebu: 30 Vargas plows P400; 400 kilos of centrifugal

sugar, P60; to Oriental Negros: 1,230 kilos of rice, P221; and other products, P60.

During the week the market for sugar, rattan and mongo was steady; weak for hemp; imported rice, salt, and coal; firm for copra and flour; active for native rice, palay, and lumber; and quiet for bayones, cement, mineral oil, leaf tobacco, and galvanized iron.



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A RETROSPECT.

PRIME MINISTER'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

PROSPEROUS NEIGHBOURS WANTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

In his speech in London just prior to his departure for Scotland, the Prime Minister Mr. Stanley Baldwin dealt with the record of the Government during the past year and laid special emphasis on questions of local and national economy.

The Dawes Plan.

He said that the past year had witnessed a notable advance in the European situation. The Dawes plan had achieved initial success. It was of the greatest importance because it marked in Germany the definite achievement of two things: a balanced budget and stabilised currency. For the moment, German business was finding itself embarrassed by not unnatural credit stringency, and they were face to face now with their own problem of unemployment. All hoped that this would pass, because it was reached now that we did not want poor neighbours but prosperous, neighbours if the commerce of Europe was to progress.

Conditions in France.

In France, conditions to-day exhibited a sharp contrast. There had been a considerable decline in the exchange value of the franc, and this was giving French industry a new, though he believed temporary, advantage in many competitive markets. The British had found in iron, steel, and coal what this meant; but their hope was that so far as they were concerned the dislocation would be temporary.

Progress in Italy.

In Italy, the past year had been one of steady progress and activity. General satisfaction had been caused by her settlement with America on liberal terms of her debt. He had every hope that the negotiations now proceeding between Italy and Britain would be brought to a successful issue.

Locarno Pact.

Perhaps the culminating point was in the appreciation of Britain's political stock abroad, which was reached last month when the Treaty of Locarno was sealed in London. He was only too well aware that the spirit of Locarno had to be translated into continuous action; but it was in that spirit that they had sent Lord Cecil to Geneva to take part in the Disarmament Conference. The Government realised the difficulty of that problem, but all were pledged by treaty to attempt it with sincerity and with frankness.

GUNBOATS ORDER.

AMERICAN PREFERENCE FOR CHINESE.

LOWER BRITISH OFFERS REJECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Jan. 26.

Although in excess of the offers of two well-known British yards here, the tender of the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works (a Chinese Government concern) to build the six new American gunboats, whose construction Congress recently authorised, at \$154,000 (gold) per vessel, has been accepted.

The Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company tendered \$107,500 (gold) and the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works tendered Tls. 184,000.

NOTHING DOING!

LIBERAL SUPPORT NOT TO BE PURCHASED.

LABOUR LEADER'S REPLY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour M.P. for Burnley), in a speech at Burnley yesterday, replied to Mr. Lloyd George's recent speech on the question of a suggested alliance between the Liberal and Labour Parties.

Mr. Henderson said that whatever happened the Labour Party would not purchase Liberal support by the betrayal of its principles, the lowering of its ideals, or the mutilation of its programme.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

DUTCH STEAMER MAKING WATER.

PUTS IN AT GIBRALTAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Gibraltar, Jan. 26.

The Dutch steamer "Medan" from Sourabaya bound for New York, has put in here.

The vessel is making water at the rate of six inches an hour.

SOVIET TERMS.

WHAT MARSHAL CHANG TSO-LIN SIGNED.

RAILWAY SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 26.

According to Russian reports the Chang Tso-lin and Soviet agreement was signed at Mukden on Sunday night. The terms follow:

Firstly.—Release of M. Ivanoff and others.

Secondly.—Restoration of normal traffic.

Thirdly.—Cost of Chinese military transportation to be paid from China's share of the C.E.R. drafts.

Fourthly.—Military transportation to be in accordance with the Railway's regulations.

Fifthly.—Compensation for damages and losses to the Railway, through the incident, and also other claims to be considered later.

[An earlier Peking message reported:—The Russian Embassy states that M. Ivanoff has been released. It is also stated that a satisfactory agreement, regarding the transportation of Chinese troops, has been reached between Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the Soviet Consul-General at Mukden.]

ITALY'S DEBT.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED TO-DAY.

TRIUMPH FOR VOLPI.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 26.

The complete agreement reached for the funding of Italy's debt to Great Britain will be signed to-morrow.

QUERY FOR VOLPI.

Main Figures Determined.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The confidence expressed in last night's communiqué that an agreement as to the terms on which the Italian War Debt would be settled was within sight was confirmed in a brief interview granted to the Press by Count Volpi at his hotel last night. He was asked if the figures of settlement had been determined and replied: "As to the principal, yes; and there may be a few changes before we settle definitely."

SEVERE 'QUAKE.

RECORDED IN SYDNEY AND PERTH.

PROBABLY IN SOLOMON ISLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Perth (West Australia), Jan. 26.

A severe earthquake was recorded here at 8.45 a.m. yesterday. It is estimated to have been 2,300 miles away.

A Sydney (New South Wales) message says that a severe earthquake was recorded there at 10.41 a.m. yesterday. It was estimated to be 1,750 miles away, probably in the Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands, in the West Pacific, are 500 miles east of New Guinea; they are mountainous and volcanic, with a heavy rainfall. The group forms part of the British Empire, as under the Peace Treaty those of the islands formerly belonging to Germany were assigned to Australia. The area of the group is 17,000 square miles, and the population 170,000.]

RADIO WEEK.

INTERNATIONAL TEST IN NEW YORK.

INTERFERENCE DISCOUNTED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 26.

In spite of interferences, caused by S.O.S. calls from the British steamer "Laristan" (which has been abandoned off Halifax, and which caused all American stations to suspend transmissions until 10.30 p.m.) and by the earthquake which caused fading, last night's opening of the third international broadcasting test is declared by the Radio Week Committee to have been a greater success than the first night of Radio Week last year.

At least 1,200 listeners are already known to have heard music from England.

COLOURED BRIDE.

MILLIONAIRE'S DIVORCE SUIT.

BITTER LAWFIGHT.

America to-day is seething in another "black" v. "white" scandal, which may have the gravest effects on the 11,000,000 coloured citizens of the union, who are daily getting more restive under the curious anomalies freedom brings under the "Stars and Stripes."

The case is one in which Leonard Kip Rhinelander, the heir to the Rhinelander millions, amassed by a proud exclusive Huguenot family, is petitioning a New York court to annul his marriage, contracted last year, with Alice Beatrice Jones, a slim, dark, and beautiful girl on the ground that she is of negro descent and concealed this from him before the ceremony.

Former Servant.

Society was scandalised when the news of the marriage leaked out. Alice, who says she is twenty-three, lived in a small wooden house in New Rochelle and worked as a domestic servant and a waitress.

It was said that her parents were of British descent. "My father," she told interviewers, "was born at Coventry, in Leicestershire, and mother came from Alford in England."

One sister is married to a negro butler employed by a wealthy family, and the father was described as a taxi-cab driver and an odd-job man, though some claims were made that he was a "real estate man."

On both sides the case is being fought with unusual bitterness. Alice sat in court and shuddered as her husband's lawyer assailed her "ancestry" and the motives which led to her marriage.

"The alliance," he shouted, "was fraudulent and deceptive."

The bride with her face buried beneath a deep fur collar, listened while she was called a "black vampire." The heir to the Rhinelander fortune was said to be mentally weak, when she wilfully infatuated him, pursuing him until he was her slave: body and soul he belonged to her."

Four hundred and twenty-six love letters written by the girl were stacked on the tables in the court, and from some of them counsel read passionate extracts. Some of these passages were unprintable. From one letter it was sought to prove that Alice had been unchaste before her marriage. "I have had some sweethearts," she had written.

From a huge pile of documents gathered together at enormous expense the parentage and origin of the girl's family was proved.

Sitting listening to this without a tremor on his face was the bridegroom. He betrayed no emotion even when he was characterised as one on whom no woman ever smiled until the dark-faced daughters of the New Rochelle taxi-driver met him.

His Mentality.

The story of this meeting was thus described:—

"Remember that this boy is only twenty-two years old, four years younger than the woman who claims to be his wife," said counsel. "His mother died in 1915, and his father has had the care of him. When Leonard was eight years old he developed a physical affliction that made him tongue-tied, and from which he still suffers. His mentality became affected."

"When he was seventeen he was treated for mental backwardness. He had money, a motor-car, and all that, and he fell into the company of a miserable wretch named Carl Kreitler, who took him about."

"When they were motoring near the Jones's home a girl accosted him. They invited her to ride. She went. They toured about, and finally Kreitler went away with Grace. When they returned Kreitler agreed to meet Grace again. He could not keep the appointment, but Rhinelander did, and explained his companion's absence. Alice came along then, and Grace introduced her."

"They met in October, but on December 23, 1921, she wrote him saying she was going to stay at the Marie Antoinette Hotel and they registered there five days.

Then in a series of daily letters, the lawyer said, the girl fought to regain and retain the love of the youth.

"He was utterly infatuated. He did not know black from white. He gave her an engagement ring in 1922, but he refused to marry her until he became of age. Meanwhile she was threatening to return to her old sweetheart and we will produce that sweetheart in court and she was telling him of the hundred dastardly things she might have made, with either men while he was away, of the Harvard graduate whom she had turned down for him. Finally he became of age, he left Arizona, and I am told went to her before he went to his father's home."

Rhinelander was mercilessly cross-examined, and was forced into contradictions. He said that he never dreamed that she was tainted with negro blood.

But later, he said that he had ample opportunity of observing the girl's colour when he lived with her at an hotel in New York some time before they were married.

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"MALWA"	10,841	11th Feb.	At Noon.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	18th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"RAKHALA"	9,069	25th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"NAPORE"	5,593	2nd Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTRA"	10,902	9th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KASHMIR"	8,955	16th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KHIVA"	9,136	23rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,918	30th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"DELTA"	8,067	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANIA"	8,156	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,059	1st May	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,006	18th May	Marseilles & London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	25th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KYEYER"	9,114	11th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTRA"	10,942	18th June	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,067	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TANDA"	8,958	3rd Mar.	do.
"ARIFURA"	6,000	7th April	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	11th May	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	1nd June	do.
"ARIFURA"	6,000	7th July	do.

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"TALMA"	10,000	13th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MOREA"	10,811	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"ARIFURA"	8,000	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DEVANIA"	8,156	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	10th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,006	13th April	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	30th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	5th May	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"KYEYER"	9,114	12th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MANTRA"	10,942	19th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KARMA"	9,089	26th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"DELTIA"	8,097	11th June	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ARIFURA"	8,000	18th June	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,885	25th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"RANPURA"	10,854	30th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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It has been known since 1903 that prolonged exposure to X-rays produces sterility, both in man and animals. But no diminution of the sex instincts follows in such cases. Mr. Parkes has now examined the effects on breeding power of exposure to a soft ray, in doses insufficient to produce complete sterility. The experiments were conducted on mice, and as there is every reason to suppose that the sex of the offspring is determined by the male parent, only males were irradiated.

Three exposures of ten minutes each were given, and at determined periods thereafter the mice were mated with quite normal females. It was repeatedly found that from matings which had taken place within the first few days after exposure a large excess of male offspring was produced. Only two out of eleven litters conceived during the first three days after irradiation produced any excess of females.

Among the offspring of matings during the second week after exposure, however, females preponderated heavily. Seven litters were obtained, not one of which had an excess of males. The remaining births, conceived within twenty-two to fifty-six days after irradiation, showed nothing very striking as regards the proportion of the sexes.

Seven hundred and thirty-five normal mice, bred under conditions similar to those in which the experimental matings were made as controls, gave a male percentage of 51.6 in their offspring. Young bred by irradiated male parents within four days of the date of exposure, gave male percentage of 59.4, whereas among those of the following two weeks the percentage of males fell to the remarkably low figure of 33.6.

No satisfactory theory has yet been found to explain these remarkable results. But time will show to what extent they apply to other animals, and whether or not they will be worthy of the attention of the animal breeder.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Staff at Tsim Sha Tsui during the year 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

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SANITARY BOARD.

QUESTIONS ON WATER EXAMINATION.

RABIES POSITION OUTLINED.

The following questions were asked by Dr. W. V. M. Koch at the Sanitary Board meeting yesterday afternoon:—

- (1) Is it the case that the bacteriological examination of the Hongkong potable waters is made only once a month?
- (2) Is it not advisable that such examinations should be made at least once a week?
- (3) Can and will the authorities concerned take steps to have this done?

In reply the Chairman said that so far as the first part of the question was concerned, he was authorised to say that the reply was in the affirmative. The examination was made once a month. In regard to part two, a weekly examination would have advantages. In regard to part three, the question of increasing the staff of the Bacteriological Institute was under consideration by the Government. Without such increase it would not be possible to make the examinations more frequent.

Dr. Koch said he thought it would be very advisable for the Government to increase the staff of the Bacteriological Institute. There was no doubt whatever that the question of water supply, ought to be attended to much more than it was at present. Examination once a week, he thought, would not be much too often.

Dr. J. C. Macgown said he agreed with what Dr. Koch had said. They knew from reports that often the water was not satisfactory and had to be chlorinated. It was possible that the water might not be satisfactory the day after it was examined, and did that mean that they had to run the chance of pollution lasting a month?

The Chairman remarked that if the water was found in any way defective, action was taken, and that was followed up by further analysis and examination.

Prevention of Rabies.

A further question asked by Dr. Koch was whether in view of the recurrence of rabies from time to time in the Colony, and of the proved efficiency of antirabies vaccination as a preventive, would the authorities consider the possibility of insisting upon such vaccination for dogs previous to the issue of a licence.

The Chairman said he was authorised to reply that the matter was receiving the careful attention of the Government. He thought it would not be out of place to make a statement on the rabies situation. He had seen one newspaper had reported that there were three cases in one day. That was not so; there were three during a week-end.

There had been no cases since last April until quite recently, three cases appearing in a week in Hongkong. The first case was along the Praya, the dog jumping into the harbour. It was fished out, drowned, and was discovered to have been suffering from rabies. Enquiries were made as people were reported to have been bitten; but none of these people could be found. The second case was in Wyndham Street. The police secured the dog, and dogs it had been in contact with were caught and were still under observation.

The third case was in Des Voeux Road, and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon secured the dog himself. It was killed. The whole situation was receiving careful attention and was only fair that the public should know there was a definite outbreak.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided and members present were Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.C.H.), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skilton (Secretary). Others present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn and Mr. D. Davies.

was \$100 a month whereas Mr. Hargraves had been paying \$120 a month in respect of the first floor and \$92 in respect of the ground floor. Mr. Hargraves claimed the return of \$864 from the lessor (Tung Ho Company, real estate agents), in excess of standard rent.

In support of Mr. Hargraves' case evidence was given by Mr. J. Basto, who formerly owned and lived at No. 4, Chatham Road, Kowloon. He said that he sold the house to the defendants in 1928. He had owned the house since 1912, and the rent was \$100 exclusive of rates. The premises were assessed at \$100 and up to the time he vacated the premises in 1923, there had been no higher assessment.

Mr. Addison Hargraves was the plaintiff and the house in question was No. 4, Chatham Road. Mr. Hargraves and his solicitor (Mr. Strelley) held that the standard rent in respect of the whole house

On the plaintiff's part he had no opinion under the Ordinance. Mr. Strelley's opinion was that the assessment was unsatisfactory or all when applied to the plaintiff's house.

Mr. Hargraves' case was dismissed.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The preface to "Debrett" relates an interesting episode in which the Post Office correctly delivered a letter bearing the firm's 18th century address.

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Last year showed an increase in the output of new books

equal to that of 1913. True, 1924 came within 30 of the pre-war figure, but no earlier intervening year approached it.

The was not only diminished book-publishing during its actual course, but administered a check to output which has not been completely overcome until now. If reprints are counted as well as new books, the recovery may be dated a little earlier. The gross number of new books does not, of course, bear any fixed proportion to the number of those which, for their quality, posterity will care to remember. Nevertheless it is a fair hypothesis that the more facility there is for books to appear, the more stimulus and encouragement there is, on the whole, for original and valuable books to be written. On the other hand, the critical task of disentangling them from the crowd becomes always harder, the larger the "crowd" grows. Not that it was ever an easy one, or so fully performed in any age as to exclude the possibility of later investigators' striking overlooked gold.

Both at home and abroad DEATHS the year has also seen the passing of many other prominent people who do not come within the scope of "Debrett's" lengthy list including:

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Lucien Guiry, French actor.
Mrs. Haldane (aged 100), Lord Haldane's mother.
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CLASSIC AND ROMANTIC.

The spirit of romance is as old as human language. There have been times when the current of romance was feeble, as in the ascendancy of Rome. There have been times when the frame of the world rested not on facts, but on wonders... When the mace of barbarism, beating on the rock of Roman civilisation, called forth a spring of romance which still refreshes all the literature of modern Europe....

The term romance was first used to denote the vernacular language of France, as opposed to Latin. In later use it was extended to related forms of speech, such as Provencal and Spanish, until it became a collective name for the whole group of languages descended from Latin....

In England the word romance was first applied to a book in the fourteenth century. From denoting a composition in vernacular French, Spanish, and so forth, as contrasted with works in Latin, the meaning of the word narrowed down to signify a tale in verse or prose, embodying the adventures of some hero of chivalry. This meaning continued to be the only one in the Middle Ages and was, of course, well-known in the eighteenth century. The old heroic romances were still quite popular in the age of Pope and after.

The second outburst of the spirit of romance in the adolescence of English literature—the flamboyant age of Queen Elizabeth—applied the word in a new sense. It now denoted a fictitious narrative in prose of which the incidents are very remote from those of ordinary life.

Since the beginning of the nineteenth century the adjective "romantic" has been contrasted with "classic" in England. Though useful and necessary the terms may give and frequently have given rise to confusion. They have been used to include so many different characters that, as they are applied to men of books, it is quite certain that some of their connotations will not exactly apply to the author or work in question, but they are, most likely, to the "romantic" characters of the "classic" period.

However, when we approach the words "classic" and "romantic" from an historical standpoint, we are on safe ground. After we have seen when and how they were first used, and were finally contrasted, we shall perhaps be able to hazard an enumeration of some of the main characteristics of the "classic" and the "romantic" periods. It will not

DIRECTORS PRAISED.

TO-DAY'S LAND INVESTMENT MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS' APPROVAL.

Mr. E. G. M. Bernard presided over the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., held this morning at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Paul Chater, Mr. H. B. White, Father Robert, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Gubray, and the Secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Shareholders present were: Messrs. H. T. Baum, E. M. Raymond, J. Arnold, R. L. Bridger, Capt. Kennedy, H. Birkett, A. Murdoch, P. Cassidy, T. G. Weall, R. M. Austin, P. C. Potts, P. M. N. da Silva, H. Joseph, H. Ruttonjee, D. V. Stevenson, F. Austin, A. S. M. Nassim, H. Komtong, Kelly Suyce, J. M. Alves, F. G. Agubeg, A. M. da Silva, G. A. Ribeiro, R. E. Devai, H. Ruttonjee, F. Lameir, A. J. C. Rocha, F. M. Pereira, G. H. Picrey, C. Rocha, C. S. Remedios, E. E. Osmund, A. C. Kennedy, E. B. C. Hornell, O. P. Ribeiro, D. MacMurray, J. E. Joseph, F. Pollock, F. Austin, F. M. Ellis, E. Abraham, E. A. Simon, J. F. Grose, G. Pacheon, F. A. V. Ribeiro, J. A. Carvalho, E. Henderson, W. J. Ribeiro, R. M. G. Silyan, J. M. C. da Souza, E. C. Randall, J. F. Wright, J. E. V. Osmund, J. Baptista, D. J. Parris, E. Sadick, B. J. Linton, N. L. H. Raitton, B. Lyon, H. H. Potts.

Chairman's Speech?

The Chairman said: The Report and Statement of Accounts, together with the auditors' Report, have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The balance of profit and loss account this year amounts to only \$1,043,046.15, compared with \$3,183,235.51 for the previous year. But this latter amount excluded large profits on sales of property and shares. If these are eliminated it will be found that the net revenue amounts to \$1,023,216.15 in 1925 compared to \$896,449.15 in 1924, or an increase of \$36,766.60 in 1925.

In his speech at this meeting a year ago, my predecessor told you that no sales of property had been effected since August, 1924, and added that the existing state of the property market did not indicate that the Company would find sales a material source of profit in 1925. This forecast proved entirely correct and the only sale made during the year was of a house at the Peak. It could not, of course, be expected that the property boom would last many years, and your directors were quite prepared for the reaction which has set in.

The Accounts.

Turning now to the accounts, "Accounts receivable," at \$573,868.53, is high compared to \$368,896.57 on December 31, 1924. Both these figures include the sum of \$225,000 due in respect of the sale of some Praya East reclamation rights. As a rule a mortgage is executed for such a sale and the amount included under "amount advanced on mortgages." In this instance, however, no mortgage deed was drawn up but we retained the documents as security. This account also includes rents due and interest on mortgages. The former are about normal but there is a substantial sum outstanding in interest. Your directors have considered these outstanding carefully and are of opinion that they will all be paid but that in any case the security is adequate to cover them.

An interim dividend of \$2 per share has already been paid and your directors recommend a final dividend of \$2 per share absorbing \$480,000; pay a bonus to staff of \$8,000 and carry forward \$848,40.53 which includes \$773,124.38 brought forward from the previous year. Last year we were able to pay a bonus of \$2.50 per share in addition to this

HAPPY CHOICE.

THE CARP AND GOOD LUCK.

SCOTT'S EMULSION ENTERPRISE.

Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., as agents of Messrs. Scott & Bowne, Limited, London, manufacturers of the well-known preparation, Scott's Emulsion, send the "China Mail" copies of the scroll which their principals are issuing in lieu of the conventional calendar.

The scroll is a reproduction of a portrait of a carp attributed to Tang Ying, the famous artist of the Ming Dynasty. It depicts in deeply soft-toned inks and delicate gold tones with light gradations predominating, a carp leaping, the waves by moonlight and seeming to fulfil the old Chinese proverb "A carp may at a single leap ascend the Dragon Gate and become a dragon."

The subject is a peculiarly happy choice, for the carp is looked upon as an omen of prosperity and good fortune and takes a prominent part in welcoming the God of Wealth during the Chinese New Year festivities.

Copies of this work of art may be obtained from local dispensers and stores by all purchasers of Scott's Emulsion.

LORRY ACCIDENT.

INQUIRY INTO INDIAN'S DEATH.

DRIVER NOT BLAMED.

Medical evidence given at a Coroner's inquiry held by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday into the death of an Indian watchman from injuries received when he was knocked down at Wanchai by a motor lorry showed that death was caused by multiple injuries and shock.

A witness estimated the speed of the lorry at 20 miles an hour, but the driver maintained that he was driving at about eight miles an hour.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and declined to blame the driver. They added a rider recommending that the police should insist on the lorries being fitted with a device which would limit their speed.

dividends but we had substantial profits from sales of property and shares to draw upon which we have not got this year. The carry forward will be \$75,016.15 larger and this year directors consider only prudent in view of our large outstandings although, as I have already said, they regard them as sound.

I do not think, gentlemen, that there are any other matters that call for explanation and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

Company Congratulated.

Mr. T. G. Weall rose to second. In doing so he felt sure, he said, that he had the unanimous support of the meeting. "The Chairman has just informed us that in spite of there being no profit from the sale of property or shares the net revenue shows an increase of \$36,766.60 for the year. Under the conditions that have been ruling in this Colony for the past six months I consider this result to be highly satisfactory. Although all of us like to see bonuses when conditions permit, the directors are sincerely to be congratulated upon the balance sheet laid before you to-day, and the distribution they have been able to recommend. With these remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report as circulated."

Mr. Kelly Suyce, also spoke on behalf of the shareholders and congratulated the directors on the final dividend they had been able to make in spite of the difficult moments through which all concerns were passing and the stringency of liquid cash. He hoped that the sun would soon shine again and that the directors would be in a position later to advocate bonuses such as they had given in the past.

The adoption of the report and accounts was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. A. H. Compton and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected directors (their period of services having expired) on the proposition of Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Raymond.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Sir and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected directors at a remuneration of \$750 each on the proposition of Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Bridger.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were obtainable at the Company's office from tomorrow.

A MOB FIGHT.

HOTEL DISHES NOT LESS THAN 20 CENTS!

RESTAURANT WAR CRY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Jan. 20.

Since the withdrawal of the regular troops, lawlessness has been rife. There are only 80 "Man Tuen" (civil guards) at Pakkai and they refrained from interfering in a big mob fight.

Two large crowds of labourers met at the railway station and started a fight on the evening of January 19 with revolvers, knives, etc. A launch carrying more than a hundred "rowdies" came down from Kongmoon and joined in the scrap.

After half an hour's mobbing it became apparent that the dispute was between employees of the restaurants, on the one hand, and of hotels on the other.

The restaurant men wanted it to be agreed that hotels should not undercut by selling any dish under 20 cents.

When darkness set in the mob retired. Each side had several wounded. One of these was carried away by the police to hospital but he succumbed to his injuries. Loss of life is likely to prolong the feud.

\$600.00 Opium Seized.

On strike pickets, being despatched at Kwonghoi, from Canton, the a.s. "Ng" Tai Chow (meaning the Five Great Continents), which is about the size of the usual Hongkong-Wuchow steamer, was seized and escorted to Pakkai by the Canton gunboat "Kong Koo." It is alleged that opium, valued at \$600,000, was found on board. The ship was sent on to Canton. Passengers bound for Macao were released at Pakkai and sent back to Kwonghoi by rail. The s.s. "Hoi Wing" is still on the run.

Mines In The River?

As previously reported pirates mined Sam Kong Hau (the mouth of the creek to Kongmoon, from Gaemoo and the "three ports" of Kungyick, Suncheong and Cheung-sha) where a tow-boat was blown up. Now the tow-boats from Canton will only go as far as the end of Kongmoon where passengers and cargo are transported up-country by rail.

Miscellaneous Notes.

A telegram has just been received to the effect that Canton Government troops landed on Hainan Island at Sun Yeung on January 17 and subsequently marched on Ma Lo Pat.

Kongmoon is to be made independent of the Sanwei district (magistracy). Luk Ku-yan has been nominated as the first mayor.

On account of a shortage of coal, the Sunning Railway now runs three trains a day instead of four. At present it is not safe to travel on the railway. The rail road repairs and the train was derailed twice on the same day, near Sunning, about a fortnight ago.

Troops are constantly on the move but there have been no press-gangs. The military are very orderly.

N.U.R. DECISION.

STRIKE AVERTED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

COMPANIES AND THE AWARD.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 26.

The railwaymen's decision to accept the award of the National Wages Board was carried at last night's meeting of the National Union of Railwaymen by 41 votes to 36.

The issue was a straight one and the non-acceptance of the award would have involved the Union in a strike; for the Railway Companies at a conference held earlier in the day had made it clear that they intended to give effect to the Board's decision.

COMPANIES' REPLY.

The reply of the Companies to the men's representations stated that they themselves had been intensely disappointed at the finding of the Board in view of the financial condition of their undertakings. It added that the Unions had brought forward no new considerations and that to re-open the case would strike at the root of collective bargaining.

THOMAS SATISFIED.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, in a speech last night declared that he was satisfied he had not made a mistake in advocating peace. A railway strike would definitely have put the clock back at a time when the country had passed through the worst stage of the depression and when there were prospects of prosperity reviving. He added that he was proud that he had succeeded in his pacific endeavours; for he believed that he had done the right thing for the railwaymen and for the country.

CHURCH MATTERS.

YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR CATHEDRAL.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

The Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. C. R. Dupuy, presided over a full attendance of the Church Body and a fair number of the congregation on the occasion of the annual meeting yesterday of seafarers and subscribers of St. John's Cathedral Hall.

In the course of his report Mr. Powell referred to the Women's Guild and said that there must be many women in the Colony who feel the endless strain of enforced leisure—it should be remembered that the Women's Guild will give to the period of court mourning for Her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra.

Between 1,200 and 1,300 attended the garden party.

The guests were met by Capt. Steele (A.D.C.) and walked through the house to be received by the Governor and Lady Clementi before passing to the lawn.

Capt. Steele was assisted by the following: Capt. H. E. Dowbiggin (Hon. A.D.C.) Capt. Swinton, Mr. L. V. H. Booth, Mr. E. Foster and Mr. Sayer.

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Church Accounts.

Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet and accounts for the year said: You will notice from the Statement in your hands, that we began the year with a deficit of \$9,742.32, but I am glad to say this was offset by our generous benefactor, Sir Paul Chater, who at once sent a cheque for \$9,000.00.

Estimating our normal expenditure for the coming year to be about the same as the last, namely, about \$16,250, and our normal receipts to be about the same, with the addition of the increased revenue on Chater's Endowment Fund, there should be a satisfactory credit balance at the close of the present year.

The Organ.

As you are aware, serious defects were found in the Organ which was going on satisfactorily and they hoped it would be seen through in spite of hard times. They also felt a deep debt of gratitude to Lady Pollock and those who worked with her in keeping the Cathedral in a most excellent manner. The Bishop also thanked the Church Council and the Church Body, as busy business men, who spared hours of their leisure to give advice on Cathedral matters. He had particularly to thank Mr. Patten and Mr. Owen Hughes. He then referred to the Fukien Cathedral at Foochow, now in the course of erection. When the Bishop of Fukien was passing through here a short while ago, he had a conversation with the speaker and Mr. Powell, and they thought that as the Mother Church of the Diocese, St. John's should make some gift towards the new building. It was 20 years ago since Foochow was separated from this diocese, and it was hoped that the new Cathedral would be consecrated at the next general Synod of the Chinese Church.

London Re-union.

Another point was that some of those present might be going Home before this coming summer, and it might interest them to know that at the next reunion of the Victoria Diocesan Association, a former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Frederick Lindgard, was to take the chair.

This was to be on June 2, at the Victory House, Leicester Square, London.

They entered on a new year, the course of which none could say, but they prayed God that there was going to be prosperity in China, in the world and in the Colony of Hongkong. They hoped and trusted the rich blessing of God was going to rest on the illustrations in the Cathedral Church, and he thought to this end it was probable that this coming winter they would have a visit from the Mission of Help, which was postponed from last year. The Mission was not only to Hongkong, but to all English-speaking congregations in China.

The Bishop then pronounced the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

YESTERDAY'S PEASANT GARDEN PARTY.

1,200 GUESTS ENTERTAINED.

Tea-tables were arranged over the lawns of Government House yesterday and the drawing and ante-rooms were thrown open for the use of guests, the occasion being the entertainment of guests by His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi, the garden party taking the place of the New Year Ball cancelled owing to the period of court mourning for Her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra.

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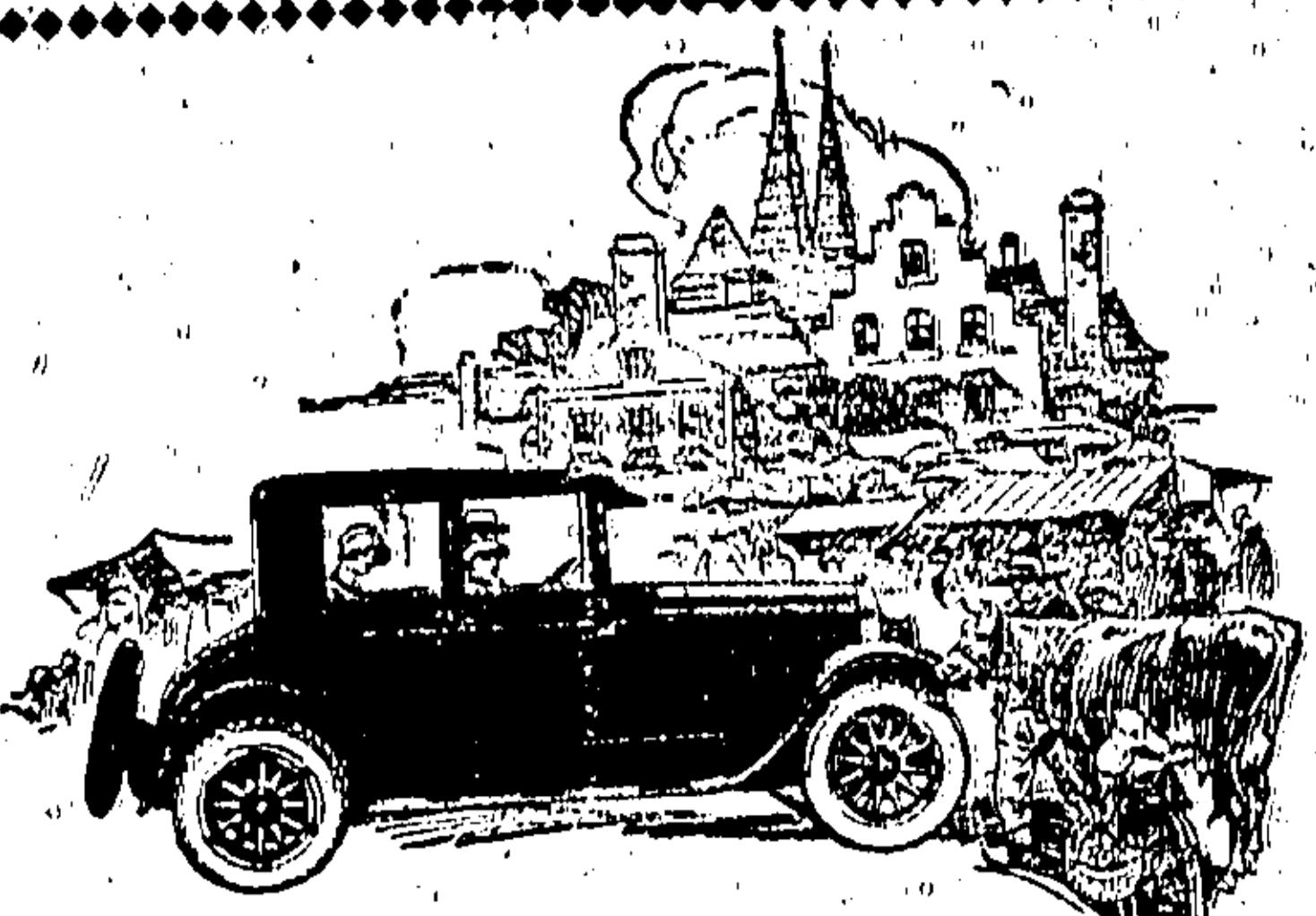
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JOHN A. FOSTER

John A. Foster, prohibition director of New York, is rounding up the big rum ring in the metropolis, twenty-five of whom, including members of the Coast Guard, are under arrest.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Fleming of Shanghai, announce the engagement of their daughter, Loraine Margaret, to Mr. Charles Dewey Culbertson.

Half of the foreign branch of the Shanghai police force volunteered to give a pint of blood to a young comrade, P. C. R. Main, who passed away at the General Hospital after a protracted illness. It was not until last week, when it was realized that blood transfusion was the only hope for his recovery, that the services of the deceased's comrades were called upon. Finally Barrack Constable W. G. Greenslade was picked upon for the operation. P. C. Main, who joined the police 18 months ago, was a young man who had served in the war and was decorated for gallantry. Prior to joining the Municipal Police, he had been in the service of the Chinese Commodity

Entries for the Hongkong Cricket Club's annual tennis tournament closes on Saturday next.

A "Grand Howl and Inspection" of the Shanghai Boy Scouts has been filmed and will be sent to the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell.

Representatives of the Soviet government soon will visit the United States in connection with the sale of certain surplus articles from the old imperial collection of jewels.

The Perak Amateur Wireless Society will shortly be inaugurated in Ipoh. As the result of an excellent response to circulars sent out, nearly a hundred members of various communities have agreed to join the Society and an inaugural public meeting was held at the Town Hall, Ipoh on Tuesday, the 19th inst.

Mr. W. C. Lowdermilk of the College of Agriculture and Forestry, Nanking University, gave a valuable lecture in the lecture hall of the Royal Asiatic Society, under the auspices of the China Society of Science and Arts. Mr. Arthur de C. Sowerby was in the chair. Mr. Lowdermilk's subject was "Some aspects of the conservation of rainfall in North China with particular reference to the Fao Ho watershed, Shansi" and embodied the results of careful scientific investigation upon this subject.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable disease which occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday, the 23rd instant shows that there were two Chinese imported cases of smallpox, two British and one Chinese case of diphtheria, one Chinese case, imported, of enteric fever, one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever and three cases of rabies in dogs. The three cases of rabies occurred in the Victoria registration district. One Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever was reported in the Colony on Monday.

Bids are invited for the purchase of the Cebu Portland Cement Co., to be received in Manila, not later than March 1.

The great iron pillar at Delhi has withstood corrosion for 1,800 years a fact which, even taking into account the dry climate of Delhi, defies explanation.

Balto, the leader of the famous dog-team which raced with success to Nome, Alaska, during the diphtheria epidemic some time ago, is to have a statue in his honour in New York Central Park.

News of the Kaila Lumpur floods must have reached England in exaggerated form. We have just seen a letter addressed to someone in the Red Sea, Old Market sq., Kaila Lumpur, which has been safely received here, says the Malay Mail.

Ancient Visayan customs will be depicted for the entertainment and information of the public during the Visayan Group Ball which will take place at the Manila Carnival auditorium on the night of February 10. One of the features of the programme will be a typical Visayan wedding as celebrated in the 18th century. The unique wedding ceremonies and the celebration which followed, all typical of the southern islands, will be revived that night.

A total of £57 was realised recently in Edinburgh for three letters of Robert Burns. They were purchased by Messrs. Spencey of London. The first letter, written to Mr. Boyd, an architect who was building a cottage for the poet at Dumfries, realised £5; the second, written from Ellishand to Mr. Boyd, brought £51; and the third, also to Mr. Boyd, £41. At the same auction a letter from Admiral Nelson to Lady Hamilton, dated September 25, 1801, was sold to Messrs. Stephen and Pollock, of Ayr, for £6 15s., while a Robert Louis Stevenson letter, written from the Grand Hotel, Nice, in 1886, fetched £16. A letter of Sir Walter Scott was sold for £2 12s., and an original Allan Ramsay manuscript realised £30.

A badger killed all the poultry which was to have been sold at an auction in Yorkshire recently.

Poorly illuminated corners of Manila city soon will have better lights, the municipal board having appropriated P2,028.70 for that purpose.

In the High Court of Justice it has been decided that a cat may roam over walls and roofs, and is not misbehaving itself the first time it bites the neighbour's pigeons.

Fourteen more Filipino mechanics to work in the shops of the Ford Motor Company at Detroit will be selected through competitive test at the Bureau of Labour, a committee composed of two senators and labour officials having been appointed to conduct the test. Eleven successful competitors are ready to be sent to the United States.

The Vienna doctor, Karl Doppler, has discovered that by touching up blood vessels with a weak solution of carbolic acid, rejuvenation within a few days has been the result, with lasting success. Old persons feel no longer depressed, but fresh and fit. It is stated that the operation is very simple, and can be performed by any doctor. Dr. Doppler had the greatest success in his attempts on animals by touching up the blood vessels of the male and female germ glands.

Not only the Manila public was disappointed in viewing the partial eclipse of the sun, but local weather officials, who were unable to take clear pictures, because of the dense "tumulus" clouds that practically covered the western horizon. All available astronomical instruments fitted for the observation were in readiness. Father Saderra, head of the seismological division, observed the changes in the magnetic elements during the eclipse from the magnetic station in Antipolo, while Director Selga, with his various assistants remained in the central observatory.

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The first volume of Raymond Poincaré's memoirs is to be published in February and will deal with the policy of France during the years 1912 and 1913. It is said to contain many hitherto unpublished documents. These memoirs are to be published under the title of "In the Service of France." It is understood that M. Poincaré feels somewhat hurt that he was not consulted in any way during the unusually long ministerial crisis that followed the fall of M. Poincaré's second ministry. It is not that he expected to be asked to form a Cabinet, as was his office in one, but he was not consulted in any way about the formation of the new ministry. The memoirs were written by M. Poincaré himself, and he was not consulted in any way about the formation of the new ministry. The memoirs were written by M. Poincaré himself, and he was not consulted in any way about the formation of the new ministry.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SOCCER "CAPS."

HOW OUR TEAM SHOULD BE CHOSEN.

CLARKS REPORTED UNFIT.

In view of the last interport football trial to-day and the departure of the Hongkong team for Shanghai on February 9, local soccerites will regret to learn that Clarke (the pounce, goonie), who is considered a "probable," was admitted to hospital yesterday.

This afternoon Wavish (the "Fame" custodian) will be taking his place in the trial on the Club ground.

As there is only a fortnight or so to go, it seems likely that Rodger (Club) will get the place.

ANOTHER READER'S SELECTION.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—I beg to give below what I anticipate will be the final choice of the selectors to-night:

Rodger; Wheeler, Wynne; Leung Yuk-tung; Sims, McElvane; Charlesworth, Humberstone; Gosano, Butler, Macklesworth.

Reserves: — Xavier, Mitchell, Howard.

Yours, etc.,

A PLAYER.

Hongkong, Jan. 27.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

"HAWKINS" GETS DOUBLE VICTORY.

VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED.

Last Sunday a triangular match in the Rifle League was shot off at Taikoo rifle range.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" defeated the Dockyard and Defence Corps; and the Dockyard won from the Volunteers. Scores:—

"HAWKINS."

A. B. E. Ring.....	89
P. O. A. C. Thoday.....	87
P. O. H. Page.....	87
P. O. T. Shenton.....	86
P. O. A. Lewry.....	84
Sgt. W. J. Shaw.....	84
L. S. S. Prowbridge.....	83
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett.....	76
	676
Plus 6% for open sights.....	41
Total.....	717

DOCKYARD R. C.

W. Garrett.....	86
W. Cook.....	86
J. Jefferd.....	85
F. Young.....	80
E. Edwards.....	80
A. Worth.....	78
W. Latham.....	76
S. Wickenden.....	71
	642
Plus 6% for open sights.....	5
Total.....	647

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

D. Reid.....	91
N. L. H. Railton.....	89
D. Goodfellow.....	82
M. H. Wallace.....	79
J. A. Lyon.....	78
C. H. Summers.....	72
R. Goodman.....	70
F. Goodman.....	67
	628
Plus 6% for open sights.....	4
Total.....	632

CHARITY SOCCER.

South China beat H.M.S. "Hawkins" by the odd goal in seven in a football match, for charity, yesterday.

At first the Chinese led by 2-1 but the sailors reduced the deficit to 2-1 at half-time.

After the interval the Chinese put on a third goal but the flagship drew level by replying with two goals. Towards the end the Chinese obtained the winning goal.

FANLING HOUNDS.

On Sunday, the Fanling Hounds will meet at the stables Kwanti, at 10.30 a.m. and not at Sheungshui Police Station as announced.

Delhi, December 30.—The Indian Lawn Tennis Association is doubtful regarding the admissibility of India challenging in the Davis Cup Competition for 1926. It has circumscribed the provinces accordingly.

SCOTTISH F.A. CUP

FIRST ROUND REPLAYS DECIDED.

HIBERNIANS THROUGH.

(Reuter's Service).

London, Jan. 26.—Replays in the first round of the Scottish Football Association Cup resulted:—Johnstone 0, Solway Star 3, Broxburn 0, Hibernians 1.

LOCAL BOXING.

PROGRAMME FOR THIS SATURDAY.

THE FORM DISCUSSED.

Booking for the boxing at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night starts to-morrow (members of the Association only). The public can book seats on Friday and Saturday.

It is not expected that there will be any further changes to the programme. Stoker Norman Morris is not to fight Petty Officer Mitchell, the newcomer on H.M.S. "Concord" as the "Hermes" man injured himself.

Plenty of variety and excitement is promised. The programme given below is on a par with, if not better than, tournaments earlier this season.

Main event, 16 rounds, for the welterweight championship of the Colony and belt:—

Stoker Petty Officer "Jim" Cartidge (Royal Naval Yard), Imperial-Servicemen featherweight champion and Hongkong lightweight champion, v. Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes"). Middleweight champion of the Royal Navy and Marines, Hongkong welterweight champion.

10 round welterweight contests:—

Leading... Seaman Baker ("Hermes") v. Leading Telegraphist Emerson (Marzoni).

Featherweight:— Drummer Bowles (East Surrey Regt.) v. Signaller Rogers ("Tamar").

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Baker and Emerson will be meeting for the third time, with the odds slightly on Baker. The previous fights have been over six rounds, the last being a sparkling bout full of excitement with each man leading in turn. Both are strong enough to land a knock-out should opportunity present itself.

The Filipino lad, Kid Alfred, has been shaping very well in training. He will be giving away weight to Major. Both have a powerful "kick," and are clever and speedy. This fight should be one of the best of the evening.

Jackson is the "left-hander" who beat Murrell after winning the novices' competition. He is very game and steady and should not disgrace himself against a man of Mitchell's reputation.

Bowles narrowly lost the featherweight championship. He previously beat Rogers but the latter is reported to have improved in the interval.

A ROYAL SPORTSMAN.

The Duke of York, who was 30 on December 14, enjoys a number of games. He is the best lawn tennis player of the Royal Family—his appearance in the R.A.F. championships will be remembered—also the best billiards player, and a very fair golfer. Although unlike Prince Henry, the Duke has never played Association football, he is fond of the game and, as Prince Albert, frequently attended Chelsea's home matches, while he was instrumental in founding the Royal Household F.C. shortly after the war. He has played cricket, and once performed the "hat-trick" in a family game at Windsor. The Duke also enjoys a game of bowls. In field sports he is a fine deer-stalker.

NEW BIG BREAK.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR AN AMATEUR.

OLD FIGURE ECLIPSED.

(via Colombo.)

Liverpool, January 5.

In the semi-final of the qualifying stage of the Amateur Billiards Championship, J. Earlam, of Runcorn, made a world's record amateur break—435, beating S. H. Fry's 311, made in Australia.

[Note: Composition balls are being used in the British amateur championship for the first time. S. H. Fry was champion for several years.]

THE NEXT TESTS.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK AT HOME.

SOME EXPERT VIEWS.

(via Colombo.)

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Harris, discussing the forthcoming Australian tour, prior to embarking for Trinidad to join the West Indian tourists, said the Australians were powerful but tiring side, but the quality of the bowling remained to be seen.

He strongly disapproved of a reduction of the county programme, pointing out that the Australians were playing as hard as us throughout the season, and had not so many men to call upon.

He expressed dislike of trials in cricket and, ring by atake. For instance the supposed second team was frequently successful and the English cricket selectors had then an embarrassing task.

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Babe Ruth's home run average is forgotten, the last man he turns in adulation to "Red Grange," the grizz (green) back, who has turned his football ability into a small sized fortune. The little fan in front typifies Young America as it pays homage to a new idol.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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T.T. on Shanghai	7834	7834	—
Banks.	1060 b.	\$1060 b.	1282 n.
Chartered Bank	128 n.	21	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	202 n.	202 n.	—
do.	2138 n.	13	—
P. & O. Bank	204 n.	204 b.	—
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People and Events in the News of the World



Their wrists adorned with handcuffs, these extremists in Tokyo are accused of being the henchmen of Uchida, head of the Black Dragon Society. An alleged plot to kill Premier Kato and blow up the Diet buildings was discovered.



WINTER BATHING SUIT



WILLIAM DWYER (left)
& MAJ W. A. GREEN

William Dwyer, millionaire sportsman of New York, was one of twenty men arrested in the roundup of a super-rum ring. Major Walter A. Green, of the dry forces, directed the arrests.



DR. J. H. KIRKLAND
SIEGFRIED WAGNER



Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, is seeking a fund of £800,000 to advance science. Siegfried Wagner, son of the great composer, has protested against the invasion of jazz in Germany. The Countess of Warwick has given her home, Eaton Lodge, Essex, as a foundation for an international labour university. Herr Bolay, Hungarian inventor, has completed an apparatus by which he says he is able to disintegrate an atom releasing electric energy.



Young Ralph Ghost Dog, with his little movie camera, reeled off a few yards of film featuring Chief Black Horn, Sioux, before they, with other Indians, sailed for a tour of England and the Continent.

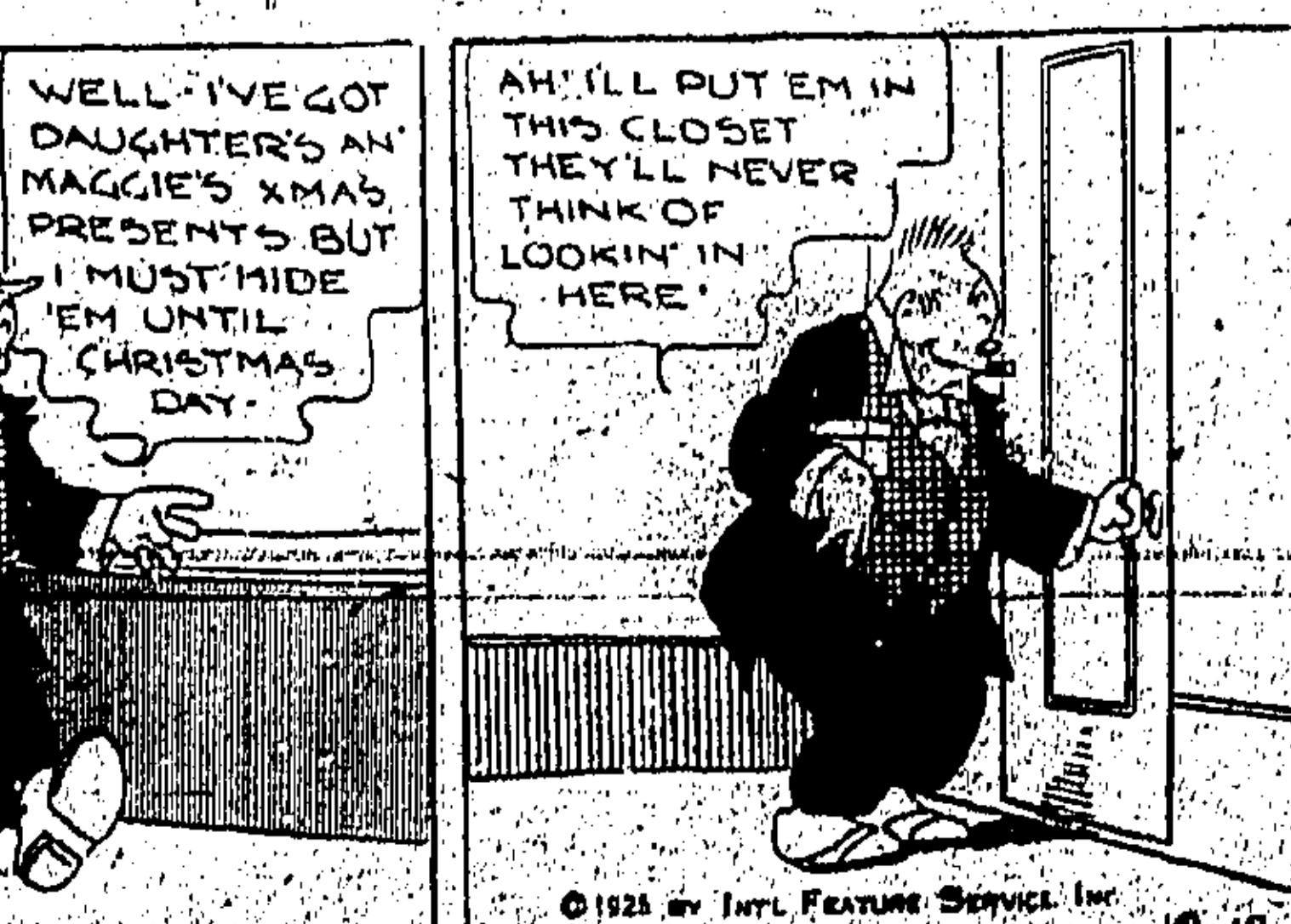


Fashion insists that women wear less and less as the weather grows colder. In Paris, the jungle pajamas have been introduced as quite the proper apparel for an afternoon tea.

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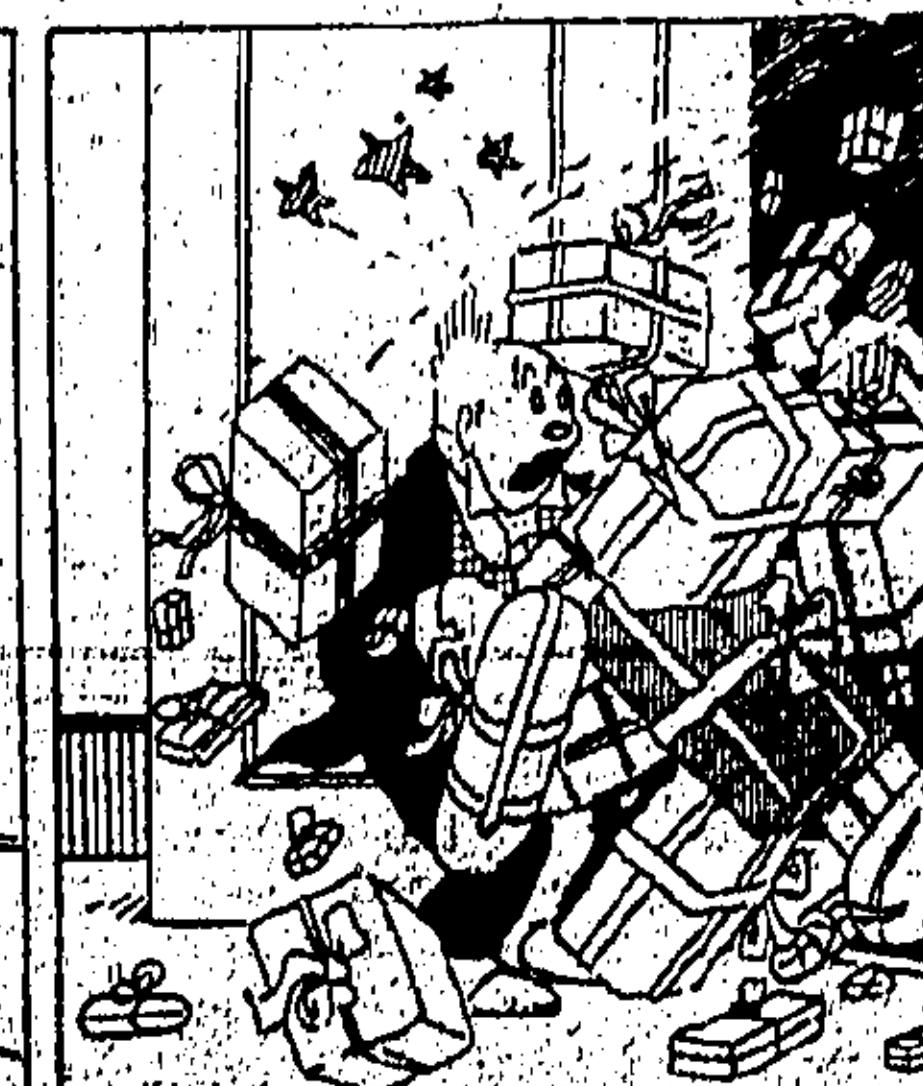
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BRINGING UP FATHER

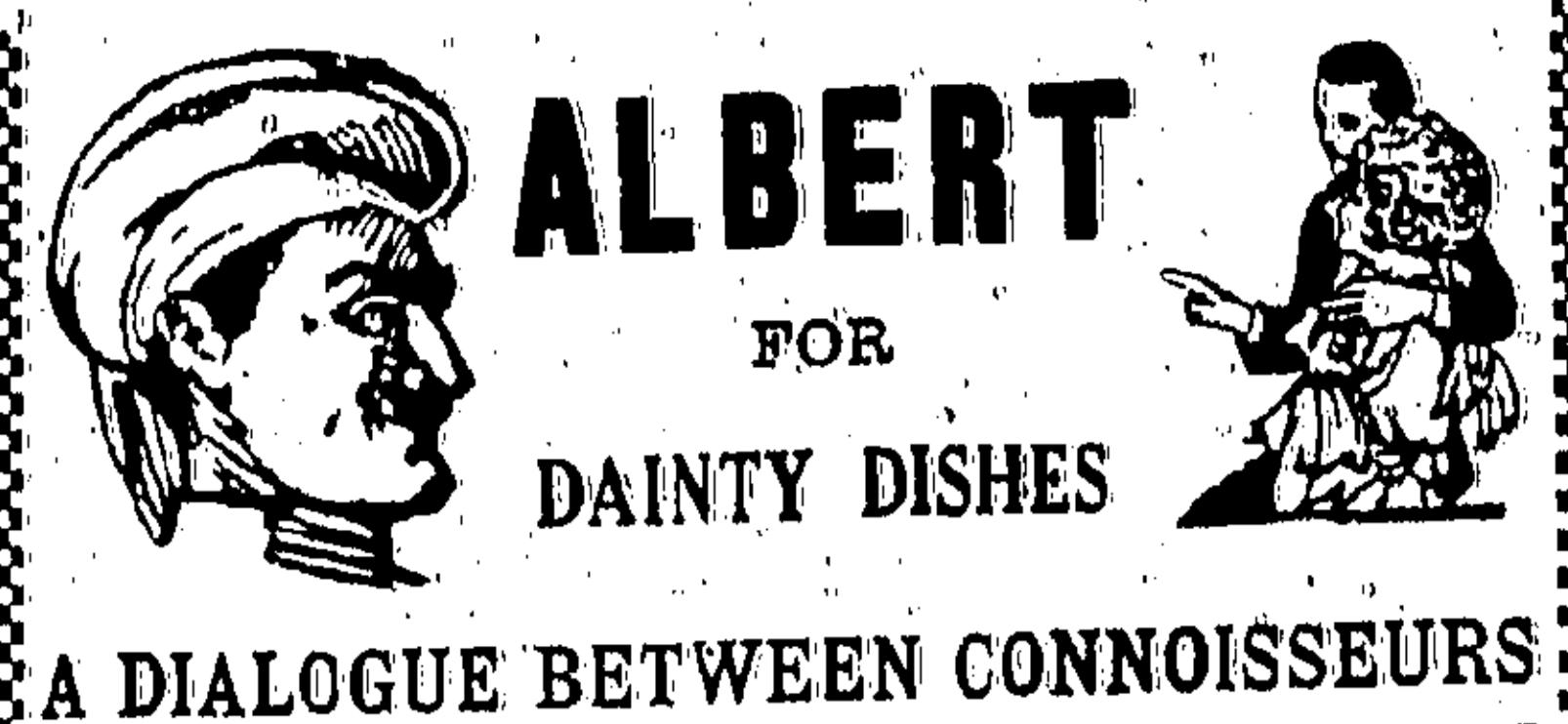


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ODDS AND ENDS

A Famous Garden.

It now seems reasonably certain that the money will be forthcoming to save the famous Aldobrandini Palace garden in Rome from the hands of the builders. Italy is fortunate in the large number of formal or architectural gardens she possesses, and the explanation appears to be that in the early Eighteenth Century, when the "romantic" garden became all the rage and the Batty Langleys and "Capability" Browns were replacing parterres and terraces and fountains with artificial lakes and willow-lined streams and shady paths leading to nowhere, the Italian estate owners had no money with which to indulge this sentimental taste and their gardens had to remain as they were.

Medical Heroism.

The statement is made in the "Evening Standard" that half a dozen medical men in London have been inoculated with the living cancer germ so that they may test the theories of Dr. W. E. Gye and Mr. J. E. Barnard. Those two scientists believe that the cancer germ is only harmful if a certain unknown chemical agent is present, and none of the doctors inoculated with the unaccompanied germ has developed cancer, says the "Manchester Guardian." Most people will think that they took a terrible risk and will admire their heroism. So will other medical men, but they will remember that many doctors engaged in researches into the origin and infectiousness of baffling diseases have been equally ready to risk their lives to test a theory. Before the scientific world learned the reason for the wide ravages of yellow fever medical men had tested every means they could think of by which the infection might be spread. They slept on the beds on which patients had died and submitted themselves to worse tests than that. One of the most heroic stories told in the Great War was of the time when the doctors were searching for the effective way of treating cases of gas gangrene. A young woman with laboratory experience inoculated herself with the disease and in due course sent word to a colleague who was trying to work out a cure to say that he might try its effect on her. Critics can make out a strong case against experiments with animals conducted by students and inexpert men, but the cases where scientists experiment on themselves should not be forgotten.



BARBARA BENNETT

A Vegetable Victory.

The discovery that oil extracted from the fruit of Hyonocarpus, a little-known plant, cures leprosy, may not be followed by a revival of the herbalist's art, but should compel the medical fraternity to revive the neglected study of medicinal plants. It is known, for example, that some Indian native doctors—not the hospital-trained babu, but the village quack—are able to cure, with drugs made from plants by crude methods, cases regarded by British resident medical men as hopeless. I know of one case where an F.R.C.S. called in such a "medicine man" with successful results. I suppose the General Medical Council would have him torn to pieces by wild panel doctors if they heard of it, as his name—well known in London—shall not escape me. Work for the "Bourgeoisie."

Lady Bathurst says what many are feeling strongly when she points out that the sons and daughters of what I suppose the Communists would call the bourgeois have to take any work they can get, while the taxpayer pays

dolars to support the children of the "workers" until they find something congenial. Not nearly enough is said about the unemployment among educated people. Taxpayers' sons, with a good education behind them, often find it hard enough to make a bare living themselves—let alone to find congenial work—while marriage is out of the question. Yet their parents assist in the maintenance of the "workers" till they find congenial work and in the education and amusement of as many children as they may care to have, if they marry, says a writer in a Home paper.

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